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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application
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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims **3 to 7 and 12**.

Claims **1, 2 and 8 to 11** are maintained for calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which introduces new claims **13 to 18** for examination.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

After calculating the filing fee, but before the first examination, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application PCT/JP01/05860

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 2 and 8 to 11 are maintained unchanged.

Claims 3 to 7 and 12 have previously been cancelled in applicants' First Preliminary Amendment.

Please enter new claims 13 to 18 as follows.

1. 18. (new) The manufacturing method as recited in Claim 8,
 2. further comprising a step of forming, on a surface of the
 3. hard sintered body indexable insert, a coating layer
 4. comprising at least one element selected from the group
 5. consisting of elements belonging to groups IVA, Va, VIA in
 6. the periodic table and elements Al, Si, and B, or at least
 7. one compound selected from the group of nitride, carbide,
 8. or oxide of at least one metal selected from this group,
 9. and their solid solutions, according to a physical vapor
 10. deposition method or according to a chemical vapor
 11. deposition method.

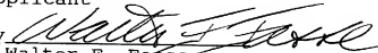
REMARKS:

- 1) The original translated PCT claims 3 to 7 and 12 have been cancelled to avoid multiple dependencies. The new claims 13 to 18 correspond, in sequence, to the original claims 3 to 7 and 12 except for omitting the multiple dependencies.
- 2) Other informalities, if any, in the literally translated PCT application text will be addressed later during the prosecution. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 8 to 11, and 13 to 18 are respectfully requested.

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